

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1029

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sarah Elizabeth Bowen upon her selection as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, in conjunction with Belk, will present the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women of Distinction Awards, designating Sarah Bowen as a 2008 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing Chattanooga tradition, the Woman of Distinction Awards are granted to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional career accomplishments and their dedication to the community via their numerous and valuable civic and philanthropic endeavors; the honorees are selected from community nominations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowen is most assuredly deserving of this prominent award for her singular work with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; she established the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Chattanooga, founded the Chattanooga affiliate of the foundation in 2000, and has raised more than \$1.8 million to fight breast cancer over the years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to handling the marketing and public relations for the annual race, Sarah Bowen has developed its volunteer work, as well as serving as the Race Chairman and President of the local affiliate's board; and

WHEREAS, as successful in her professional life as she is in her civic endeavors, Ms. Bowen holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a master's degree from

Syracuse University and is employed as Marketing and Special Projects Coordinator for WRCB-TV; and

WHEREAS, an avid runner, Ms. Bowen has rendered astute service as President of the Chattanooga Track Club and has run in twenty marathons, including four Boston Marathons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with breast cancer research, Sarah Bowen still finds time to lend her incredible talents to such notable organizations as the Chattanooga Advertising Federation, which she has served as President, and the Human Education Society, which she serves as a board member; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Sarah Bowen is most grateful to share both love and companionship with her husband, John Walker, and her three stepchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bowen epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she now takes her rightful place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Sarah Bowen, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Sarah Elizabeth Bowen on being named a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit and extending to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.